

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**CLAIM WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. (Currently amended) A micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer comprising:

a wood conveying table, said wood conveying table connected with a holding frame at one side, said holding frame connected with a stop plank, said stop plank positioned at one side on the ~~topside top side~~ of said wood conveying table for positioning a wood material, and ~~characterized by further comprising:~~

[[A]] a hand wheel unit composed of a hand wheel and a worm, said worm actuated by said hand wheel to rotate, said worm ~~vertically~~ inserted in a preset part of said holding frame[[:]]:

[[A]] a transmission rod ~~transversely~~ inserted in a preset part of said holding frame, said transmission rod having one end formed with a worm wheel, said worm wheel meshed with said worm of said hand wheel unit, said transmission rod having the other end formed with a transmission gear[[:]]:

[[An]] an upper connecting rod having its front end pivotally connected with a preset part on the rear wall of said stop plank, said upper connecting rod having its rear end formed with a guiding groove, said guiding groove having its upper edge provided with multiple [[row]] teeth, said multiple [[row]] teeth meshed with said transmission gear of said transmission rod[[:]]:

[[A]] a lower connecting rod having its rear end pivotally connected with said holding frame, said lower connecting rod having its front end pivotally connected with said stop plank[[::]] ; and

[[Said]] said hand wheel turned to actuate said upper connecting rod to move back and forth through said worm, said upper connecting rod pulling or pushing said stop plank, said stop plank able to be freely adjusted and positioned at a required angle by the turning fulcrums respectively formed at the front and the rear pivotal joint of said lower connecting rod.

2. (Currently Amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said holding frame has an accommodating space formed in the center for receiving said upper connecting rod therein and a locking handle ~~transversely and pivotally~~ inserted in the opposite side of said transmission rod, said locking handle having its end ~~screwed with connected to a lock block~~, said ~~locking block lock~~ fitted and limited to rotate in the opposite side of said guiding groove of said upper connecting rod, said ~~locking block lock~~ able to tighten or release said upper connecting rod when said locking handle is turned around actuated.

3. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said holding frame is formed integral with a stop base protruding upward on one side generally abutting said upper connecting rod, and said stop base has a stop block pivotally provided thereon, said stop block able to be turned inward and positioned on said upper connecting rod in due time, said upper connecting rod provided with a bolt base protruding upward at a preset part on the ~~topside top side~~ and a stop bolt ~~screwed~~

~~on connected to~~ said bolt base, said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at a right angle when said stop bolt and said stop block push against each other.

4. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said lower connecting rod is shaped ~~like~~ a plate having a stop bolt ~~screwed positioned~~ at a preset location on the ~~topside top side~~, said stop bolt ~~exactly~~ pushing against a preset part on the rear wall of said stop plank when said stop plank is adjusted, thus said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at an exterior angle of 45 degrees.

5. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said upper connecting rod has a stop bolt ~~screwed positioned~~ at a preset location on the ~~topside top side~~, said stop bolt ~~exactly~~ pushing against a preset part on the ~~topside top side~~ of said lower connecting rod when said stop plank is adjusted, thus said stop plank able to be quickly adjusted and positioned at an interior angle of 45 degrees.

6. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said upper connecting rod has the ~~topside top side~~ above said guiding groove provided with a ~~graduation graduated~~ ruler having angle graduations marked thereon, and said holding frame has its ~~topside top side~~ provided with an index hand pointing to said ~~graduation graduated~~ ruler to indicate a positioning angle of said stop plank after said stop plank is adjusted.

7. (Currently amended) The micro-adjusting device for the angle stop plank of a planer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said multiple [[row]] teeth in said guiding groove of said upper connecting rod [[is]] form a rack directly fixed in said guiding groove from the upper side of said upper connecting rod.

8. (New) An adjustable stop plank for a power tool having a work surface, the adjustable stop plank further comprising:

a drive mechanism connected to the stop plank for continuous adjustment of the angle of the stop plank with respect to the work surface within a predetermined range of angles; and

an actuator for operating the drive mechanism to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

9. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism has an interface with at least one tooth that allows the stop plank to be moved to different angles with respect to the work surface.

10. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism includes components having a meshed interface which cooperate to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

11. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive mechanism has a threaded interface that allows the stop plank to be moved to different angles with respect to the work surface.

12. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the threaded interface comprises a worm gear having a worm driven by the actuator, the worm engages a wheel connected to the stop plank so that movement of the actuator will adjust the angle of the stop plank.

13. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the actuator is hand operated to adjust the angle of the stop plank.

14. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the hand operated actuator is a spindle movable in a clockwise direction to adjust the angle of the stop plank in a first direction and movable in a counterclockwise direction to adjust the angle of the stop plank in a second direction.

15. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising at least one stop to obstruct movement of the stop plank beyond at least one predetermined angle.

16. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the at least one stop comprises an adjustable hinderer which may be adjusted to obstruct movement of the stop plank beyond the at least one predetermined angle.

17. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the at least one stop comprises an adjustable bolt that obstructs movement of the stop plank beyond a predetermined angle.

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18. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the actuator may be rotated in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction to make micro-adjustments to the angle of the stop plank.

19. (New) An apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a display for indicating the current angle of the stop plank.

20. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the display comprises:

indicia to indicate a plurality of angles for the stop plank; and  
an index for indicating on the indicia the current angle of the stop plank.

21. (New) A planar comprising:

a base having a workpiece support table and an adjustable stop plank for positioning a workpiece; and

a display for indicating the current angle of the stop plank with respect to the workpiece support table.

22. (New) An apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the display further comprises:

indicia to indicate a plurality of angles for the stop plank; and  
an index for indicating on the indicia the current angle of the stop plank.